



BLIGHTED PROPERTY REVIEW COMMITTEE

**DETERMINATION HEARING
THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2011
COUNCIL CHAMBERS at 6:00 p.m.
AGENDA**

**All parties wishing to testify must register with the
BPRC Solicitor before the hearing begins.**

I. Call to Order

6:00p.m.

II. Purpose

In accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law of 1945, as amended, and the City of Reading Blighted Property Review Committee Ordinance #108-2010 ("Ordinance"), the City of Reading has determined that the properties listed on this agenda meet the legal definition of "blight" by exhibiting one or more of the following nine conditions listed in the Ordinance. As prescribed by the Ordinance, the City of Reading's Blighted Property Review Committee (BPRC) is meeting to review the reports of the Building/Trades Division and the Property Maintenance Division on your property to determine whether it, in fact, meets the definition of blight and can be certified as a blighted property.

As described in the Ordinance, if your property is certified to be blighted, the BPRC will issue an Order which will provide you with approximately 60 days to rehabilitate the property to correct/remove the cause of blight certification, or follow the designated alternative remedy. At the hearing the BPRC shall render a final Order which shall be mailed to the persons affected. If you fail to comply with the BPRC Certification Order, the property will then be certified to the Reading Redevelopment Authority by the Planning Commission and City Council for acquisition of the property through a voluntary sale or the use of the Authority's power of eminent domain.

V. Motion to remove from the list, as the property no longer meets the blighted criteria:

- 128 Elm Street

VI. Remove from the process, as the properties no longer meet the blighted criteria (no motion necessary)

- 1041 Penn Street
- 1403 Hampden Boulevard
- 1013 Penn Street
- 2107 River Road
- 723 Lehigh Street
- 526 Robeson Street

VII. Determination Hearing

1. 1425 Montgomery St, owned by Albu Augustine, 660 S 17 1/2 St Reading PA 19606, purchased July 2004

1. Oath to all presenting testimony
2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff
3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)
4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)
5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 1425 Montgomery St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

2. 1435 Monroe St, owned by Shelia Perez, 612 WEISER ST READING PA 19601, purchased Nov 2002

1. Oath to all presenting testimony
2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff
3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)
4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)
5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 1435 Monroe St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

3. 221 Colston St, owned by Dolores & Rafael Figueroa, 221 Colston Ave Reading Pa 19605, No purchase date listed

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 221 Colston St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

4. 1302 Butler St, owned by Gary Gettiger & Dolores Bennicoff, 1302 Butler St Reading Pa 19601, Purchased Nov 1998

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 1302 Butler St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

5. 1236 Carbon St, owned by Eleanor Keideisch, 1430 Claire Dr Birdsboro Pa 19508, purchased Dec 2008

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 1236 Carbon St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

6. 824 Hampden Blvd, Owned By Gloria Martinez, 824 Hampden Blvd Reading Pa 19604, purchased July 2005

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 824 Hampden Blvd as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

7. 217 Upland Rd, owned by Christine Wartluft, 126 Gerald Ave Shillington Pa 19607, purchased Dec 2004

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 217 Upland Rd as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

8. 1320 Perry St, Owned By Robert & Cheryl Tyson, 1320 Perry St Reading Pa 19604, purchased Aug 2005

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 1320 Perry St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

9. 1031 Amity St, owned by Kenneth Dinham, 1031 Amity St Reading Pa 19604, purchased May 2006

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 1031 Amity St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

10. 1715 Haak St, owned by Francisco Cardenas, 109 Cooper St Brooklyn NY 11207, purchased Dec 2004

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 1715 Haak St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

11. 1326 Carbon St, owned by Joseph Rader, Charles & Brenda Jackson, 1326 Carbon St Reading PA 19601, purchased Dec 1996

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 1326 Carbon St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

12. 49 Arlington St, owned by Rebecca Morrell, 129 Azalea Dr Berkeley Spgs WV 25411, purchased Sept 2009

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 49 Arlington St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

13. 513 Margaret St, owned by Jose Vega & Maria Gil, 519 N 11th St Reading Pa 19604, purchased Oct 2006

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 513 Margaret St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

14. 402 N 5th St, owned by Jennifer and Michael Aston Jr., 1201 Oley St Apt 1 Reading Pa 19604, purchased Nov 2011

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 402 N 5th St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

25. 1204 Gregg Ave, owned by Sharon Glass, 1204 Gregg Ave, Shillington PA 19607, purchased May 2005

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 1204 Gregg Ave as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

16. 249 Blair St., owned by Lorna Murphy, 80 Melbourne Ave 162JD Dover Kent England, purchased March 2004

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
7. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 249 Blair Ave as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

17. 646 Brookline St., owned by Jason Davis, 646 Brookline St Reading Pa 19611, purchased Oct 2009

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 646 Brookline St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.

18. 1425 Fairview St, owned by Ohri Keerty, 128 Colonial Dr Apt C Shillington Pa 19607, purchased Feb 2007

- 1. Oath to all presenting testimony**
- 2. Findings of Fact & Presentation of Evidence – City Staff**
- 3. Testimony from Property Owner (5 minute limitation)**
- 4. Public Comment (5 minute limitation)**
- 5. BPRC Vote and Announcement of Decision**
6. Due to the findings from City staff, the Chair requests a motion to determine 1425 Fairview St as a blighted property or to remove it from the target list.